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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON INDIAN FIRM

1. ON BEHALF OF U.S. FIRM EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ADDRESSEES HAVE WTDR OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND REPUTATION OF MR. D. S. BINDRA, ESBEE NANU-FACTURING COMPANY, 12TH FLOOR, REGENT CHAMBERS, NARRIMAN POINT, BOMBAY. TELEPHONE 231599, 231796 AND 293703 (RESIDENCE 362356). TELEX 3409 FABYARN.

2. FYI. BINDRA CLAIMS TO BE HIGHLY CONNECTED IN INDIAN RULING CIRCLES. HE ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH NIGERIAN NUMBER TWO MAN, CHIEF OF STAFF SUPREME HEADQUARTERS BRIGADIER SHEBU YAR ADUA, THROUGH YAR ADUA'S FORMER BOSS IN ARMY, BRIGADIER (RETIRED) GODWIN G. A. ALLY. ALLY WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY BY YAR ADUA, AND HAS ALSO JUST SET UP HIS OWN COMPANY TO DO PRIVATE BUSINESS ON THE SIDE. BINDRA WAS APPARENTLY INTRODUCED TO ALLY BY INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONERS, IS SAID TO BE INVOLVED IN SALES OF FERTILIZER AND TEXTILES IN NIGERIA. U.S. FIRM IN QUESTION WOULD FIND IT MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO HAVE ACCESS TO YAR ADUA TO PRESENT CERTAIN LARGE SCALE BUSINESS PROPOSALS TO FMG, AND HAS NO PROBLEM WITH GOING THROUGH ALLY, BUT UNDERSTANDABLY WISHES
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TO BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT INCURRING ANY OBLIGATIONS TO BINDRA IN THE PROCESS, AT LEAST WITHOUT SOME IDEA OF BINDRA'S BONA FIDES. APPRECIATE ANYTHING ADDRESSEES CAN DEVELOP.
END FYI.
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